24th February 1934]

Public Service

Representation of the Andhras in the Government offices in the Madras City.

* 687 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of Andhras in service in respect of the following offices:—

—	Superintendents' posts, sanctioned cadre.	Number of Andhras.	Upper and Lower division clerks sanctioned.	Number of Andhras.
1 Board of Revenue ..	..	..	..	..
2 Chief Engineer, Public Works Department ..	..	..	..	..
3 Inspector of Local Boards	..	..	..	..
4 Inspector-General of Police	..	..	..	..
5 Government Secretariats	..	..	..	..

A.—A statement[a] is laid on the table.

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" Sir, although the Andhra districts are half of the Province, here we see in the answer that the Andhras in the Board of Revenue are nil; in the Chief Engineer's office the same thing and in the Inspector of Local Boards office the same thing and so also in other offices. Will the Hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to take people from other communities also?

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" I am afraid I cannot give any such undertaking. I have explained on a former occasion that the number of Andhra candidates applying for the Secretariat is very small indeed. I am not sure whether the same is true of other offices in Madras City but probably it is."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA.—" May I know, Sir, if the question will be considered if more applications come?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The question of securing better representation of Andhras in future is under consideration."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA.—" May I know, Sir, if persons already in Madras will be continued without breack of service?"

The Hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The rules will apply to them."

Railways

Proposal for linking Salem and Namakkal by a railway.

* 688 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to link up Salem and Namakkal by means of railway;

[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 248 infra.